

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## GENERAL MEETINGS FOR SCIENTIFIC BUSINESS

OF THE

## ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

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### EXHIBITIONS AND NOTICES.

November 12, 1912.

Dr. A. SMITH WOODWARD, F.R.S., Vice-President,  
in the Chair.

The SECRETARY read the following report on the Additions that had been made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of October, 1912.

The registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of October were 259 in number. Of these, 120 were acquired by presentation, 64 by purchase, 31 were received on deposit, 33 in exchange, and 11 were born in the Gardens.

The number of departures during the same period, by death and removals, was 262.

Amongst the additions special attention may be directed to:—

1 African Buffalo (*Bubalus caffer*) ♀, from the Sezibwa Swamp, Uganda, presented by H. M. Birch, Esq., on October 22nd.

1 Fossa (*Cryptoprocta ferax*) ♂, from Madagascar, purchased on October 23rd.

1 Pampas Cat (*Felis pajeros*), 1 Pampas Cavy (*Cavia rufescens*), 3 Pampas Gerbilles (*Reithrodon typicus*), 2 Pampas Field-Mice (*Akodon arenicola*), 1 Argentine Mocking-Bird (*Mimus modulator*), and 3 Pelzeln's Saffron-Finches (*Sycalis pelzelni*), from Argentina, the five last-named new to the Collection, presented by Wilfred A. Smithers, Esq., on October 16th.

1 Black-headed Hangnest (*Icterus melanocephalus*), from Mexico, new to the Collection, presented by W. O. Danckwerts, Esq., K.C., F.Z.S., on October 10th.

2 Great-billed Ravens (*Corvultur crassirostris*), from N.E. Africa, new to the Collection, presented by the Marquess of Tavistock, F.Z.S., on October 3rd.

1 Yellow-fronted Barbet (*Cyanops flavifrons*), from Ceylon, new to the Collection, purchased on October 17th.

2 Orange-bellied Fruit-Pigeons (*Ptilopus iozonus*), 2 Pearl-spotted Fruit-Pigeons (*Ptilopus zonurus*), 1 Wallace's Fruit-Pigeon (*Ptilopus wallacei*), and 1 Yellow-bellied Ground-Pigeon (*Phlogœnas helviventris*), from the Aru Islands, all new to the Collection, purchased on October 15th.

4 White-throated Tree-Partridges (*Arboricola crudigularis*), from Formosa, new to the Collection, received on deposit on October 23rd.

3 Leith's Snakes (*Psammophis leithii*), from S.W. Asia, new to the Collection, purchased on October 15th.

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The SECRETARY exhibited a photograph of the Hainan Gibbon (*Hylobates hainanus*) in natural colours, taken by Messrs. Elliott & Fry, by the Lumière process.

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Mr. G. A. BOULENGER, F.R.S., F.Z.S., exhibited a specimen, 155 mm. long, of the African Cichlid Perch (*Hemichromis bimaculatus* Gill), which had recently died in Capt. Vipan's aquarium. The specimen was remarkable for its large size. Although the species is common over a considerable part of Africa, and hundreds of specimens have been collected in various localities, no wild example is known to exceed a length of 100 mm.

This *Hemichromis* is tinged with bright red about the head and on the fins, and, as was noticed in the 'Fishes of the Nile,' p. 462, this red is soluble in spirit, which, a few hours after the immersion of the fish, acquires a bright orange-red colour.

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Mr. EDWARD GERRARD exhibited the skull of an Indian Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*) which had recently died in the Society's Gardens. He pointed out that abscesses had been formed at the base of the lower incisors, which had been much rubbed down so that the nerves had become exposed. The animal must have suffered great pain, and this no doubt was the cause of his dashing his head against the walls and bars of his den in the violent manner he at times did.

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Mr. E. G. BOULENGER, F.Z.S., Curator of Reptiles, exhibited a living specimen of the Salamander, *Amblystoma tigrinum*, which





Photo. D. Seth-Smith.

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